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Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

There is no question that the United States is going to need affordable, reliable energy to get America's economy rolling again and to create more jobs. One of the most promising sources is to our North, as we import more oil from Canada than any other country. In fact, Canadian oil sands are the second-largest proven reserves on Earth. By 2035 Canada could double its oil exports to the United States and provide more than a third of the oil we import. It is a secure, stable, friendly source...and developing the U.S. pipelines to bring it here and the refineries to produce gasoline and heating oil will create real jobs here at home.

We understand that your Department is soliciting comments on the Keystone XL (KXL) pipeline project which would transport over 750,000 barrels per day of Canadian and North Dakota crude to American refineries. Alone, this project will create **20,000 jobs** for skilled craft workers, most paying family-supporting wages and benefits. This \$7 billion dollar project is "shovel-ready" and won't require any public investment.

Organizations like Greenpeace are spending millions of dollars to convince the Obama Administration to refrain from signing the border crossing permit for KXL. Imagine, with a signature, we can boost a lagging economy, increase energy security and create jobs for 20,000 hard-working Americans. In the long run, developing Canadian oil sands could create **342,000 American jobs** over the next four years....and provide a **\$34 billion dollar** lift to the U.S. economy.

We are asking you to please support the Keystone XL pipeline. It means jobs for our skilled members.

Patrick J. Devlin
Secretary-Treasurer

Sincerely,

Zane P. Walker
President

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Southwest Michigan Building Trades Council
Southeast Michigan Building Trades Council
Northern Michigan Building Trades Council

West Michigan Building Trades Council
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**Estimated Crude and Products Imports
to the U.S. from Leading Supplier Countries**

	Jun-11 Imports (Thousand Barrels per Day)	% of Total Imports	% of Domestic Product Supplied
1 Canada	2,247	24.5%	11.7%
2 Saudi Arabia	1,168	12.7%	6.1%
3 Venezuela	1,040	12.7%	6.1%
4 Nigeria	849	11.3%	5.4%
5 Mexico	701	9.2%	4.4%
6 Russia	688	7.5%	3.6%
7 Iraq	559	4.1%	1.9%
8 Angola	373	3.1%	1.5%
9 Algeria	285	2.8%	1.3%
10 Colombia	255	2.8%	1.3%
Other	1,022	11.1%	5.3%
Total	9,187	100.0%	47.7%
 OPEC Countries	 4,777	 52.0%	 24.8%
Persian Gulf Countries	2,027	22.1%	10.5%

YTD 2011 (June 2011)

1 Canada	2,067	23.5%	10.9%
2 Saudi Arabia	1,129	10.6%	4.9%
3 Mexico	1,108	9.9%	4.6%
4 Venezuela	933	6.9%	3.2%
5 Nigeria	871	6.9%	3.2%
6 Russia	610	4.9%	2.3%
7 Iraq	435	6.9%	3.2%
8 Colombia	334	6.9%	3.2%
9 Angola	319	4.9%	2.3%
10 Algeria	229	3.8%	1.8%
Other	1,327	15.1%	7.0%
Total	8,814	100.3%	46.6%
 OPEC Countries	 4,276	 48.5%	 22.6%
Persian Gulf Countries	1,730	19.6%	9.1%

Source: DOE, Petroleum Supply Monthly, June 2011 data

* Supplier of products made from crude oil